

Land

What are we monitoring?

The area of undeveloped land/ bushland remaining within the urban footprint of the City

What is the trend?

Trend data is not yet available. The **Map** that follows shows the areas of “vacant” land remaining within the zoned urban footprint of the City (excluding National Park), upon which development is allowed and not allowed according to LEP 2005 and LEP 1991.

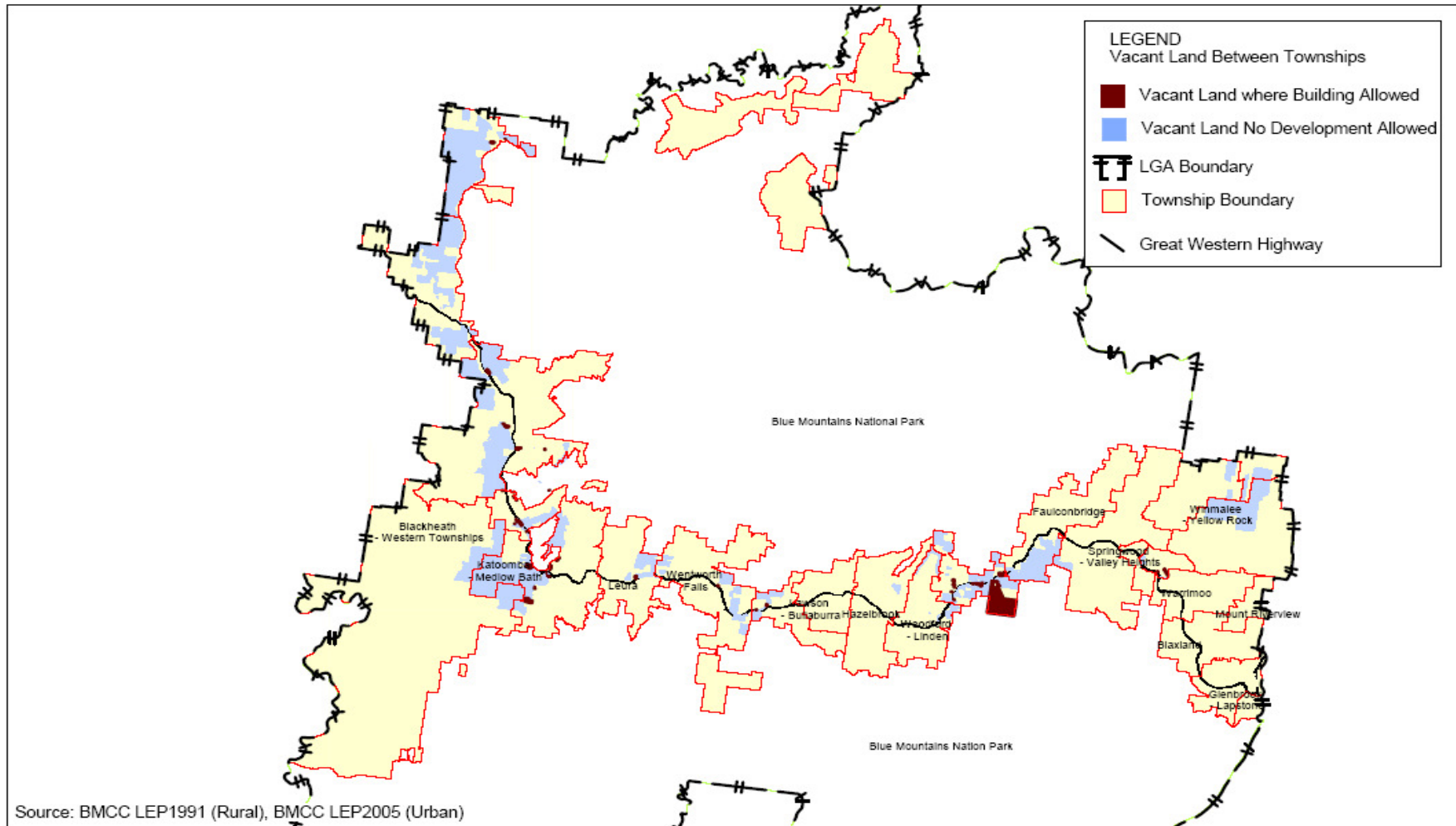
Why is monitoring this trend important?

Retaining undeveloped and intact bushland is important as it creates habitat for native species of plants and animals and supports healthy indigenous ecological communities and ecosystems. Bushland within the urban footprint is an important natural asset both in terms of preserving the natural environment and maintaining quality of life. The less bushland retained in the City the more likely that there will be a decrease in biodiversity.

As shown on the **Map** there is only a small amount of vacant land available within the urban footprint where development is permitted. As the other vacant land is protected by the planning instruments LEP 10091 and LEP 2005, it is unlikely these areas will be developed significantly in future years unless the planning instruments are revised.

Source: Blue Mountains City Council, 2009

MAP 3: VACANT LAND BETWEEN TOWNSHIPS WHERE BUILDING IS ALLOWED AND IS NOT ALLOWED



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